

and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, with an amendment. **Pages S5494–95**

**Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act:** Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, agreed to the request for a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Hagan, Begich, Burr, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Graham, Thune, Martinez, Wicker, Burr, Vitter, and Collins. **Pages S5495–96**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013. **Page S5541**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Capricia Penavic Marshall, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

39 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5539.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for national intelligence program and military intelligence program, after receiving testimony from Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence; and James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported a bill providing supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and pandemic flu, with amendments.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 for the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Defense; and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr., of Mississippi, to be Secretary, and Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Navy, Andrew Charles Weber, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Paul N. Stockton, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, Thomas R. Lamont, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.